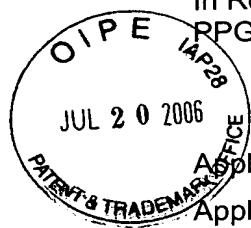


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**RESPONSE AND ELECTION**

Sir:

In response to the Restriction/Election dated June 20, 2006, Applicants elect Group I.(claims 1-17), with traverse, for the following reasons.

The Examiner states that the pending application contains claims directed to two patentably distinct species, namely, Group I (claims 1-17) drawn to a method, and Group II (claims 18-29) drawn to a product. According to MPEP § 803, one of the requirements that must be met before a proper restriction requirement may be made is that there must be a serious burden on the Examiner if restriction is not required. Applicants believe a search with respect to one of these groups would necessarily be co-extensive with the search directed to the other group and, therefore, would not cause any undue burden on the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request that all of the claims be examined together. However, should the Examiner maintain the restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-17) for initial prosecution on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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